Dear Harold:

29 February 1999

I have finished your retypes of your last batch of corrections. I am puzzled by the inadvertent Oswald/Lovelady text deletion. My copy has it where it belongs. I will cross-check it when I print it out this afternoon. I will send you single pages for the other manuscripts retyped pages. I will tote along a complete manuscript when I arrive in D.C. on or about 10 March 1999.

Your 2/21/99 letter was startling in tone. Please give me a clue if I am missing something here. You saw a missing piece of text and that agitated you? Why agitated? If the problem ever arises again, call me at work (1-208-526-4444, enter the numbers 5943 followed by the "#" sign and then your telephone number; wait for the acknowledgement and hang up). It will page me to return your call I will return your call and we can solve what ever problem has arisen. Your health isn't worth getting agitated for any errors that may creep in during reprinting your manuscripts.

Real communication requires the following elements: 1) a message, 2) a sender, 3) a receiver, and most importantly, 4) feedback. There are some times when your message is unclear (photocopied redlines which I can't spot due to poor reproduction, messages that don't communicate the intended message and miscues). We bother suffer from this communication break-downs when we are under deadline pressures or being simply careless. When that happens we both need to stop take a deep breath and understand there is no malicious intent.

With regard to the color copies, any printer will print out the black and white copies even though the screen will show the colored images. Those who have color printers may choose to print out that single page on their color printers because it adds so much to the message you deliver. The color has nothing to do with the text only the placing of the graphic image (which may have originally been colored or black and white).

I finished *ZR-RIFLE Trifle* from the original typescript that I scanned at your home. Some of the writing was insufficiently dark to be captured by the scanner so you may have to review it against the original. I will include my copy from which I worked to help you review the work. I had to guess the order of the pages since the page numbers frequently were not captured in the scanner's image field.

I hope you enjoy how I "cleaned up" the poor original document copies in the *ZR RIFLE Trifle* manuscript. I did the same with the *Inside The Assassination Industry* pages you sent me. Am I to find a place for them in the *Inside The Assassination Industry* manuscript when I place the Introduction at the beginning, as well?

I spoke with Lil' last weekend and she sounded weak but aware of her surroundings. I promised to take her out to eat (maybe Hanna's?) when I am in Frederick. She seems to be looking forward to it.

I have E-mailed copies of *Inside* to Gerry and Dave. In addition I snail-mailed copies to Ginnochio and Neichter. You and I should here from them soon acknowledging receipt of *Inside*.

On a different note, I have read some dozen to a dozen and a half of your books and manuscripts and countless letters to others by now and a recurrent theme arise from them besides the insight to the investigation whitewashes. That theme is opposing emotions trust and subsequent betrayal. It seems that people you have met and befriended over the years subsequently alienate you through some act of betrayal. The pattern shows up when discussions of Posner, Livingstone, Lifton, Brown, and etc. Have you noticed it?

I first picked it up in reading *Case Open* (Carroll & Graf) and before I met you at your Hood College dialogue with the students of Jerry's class. Acknowledgement of this theme has what kept me from being anything less than scrupulously up front with you. Even to the point of declining reimbursement or any expenses in posting and distributing your manuscripts. What instigates the raising of this issue is the tone of your letters when you find things didn't go your way in a retype. As frustrating as the errors may be for you, they are as equally frustrating for me (and costly for me when I have to post them back for the third or fourth or more times). Would you consider sitting down with the counselor you wish Lil' to see and discuss this issue with him? This doesn't suggest that you require any help; just that it can help. Bottled up anger generated by perceptions of betrayal can have a negative affect on your health. You are undergoing some stressful times in your life (health problems, financial, family and interpersonal). While you are far from needing to be committed to a rubber room or even in need of psychiatric counseling, I think you might benefit by having somebody to talk to that will listen to what problems you seem to be facing. A good counselor can give you guidance on where to seek solutions for your current problems with Medicare, Lil's hospitalization/nursing home concerns, financial instability, etc.

Have you thought of renewing the bonds of your brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, etc? You are likely the patriarch of your family and you have a lot of history beyond your life's work to share with them. Now is the time to reaffirm your role of patriarch of the family.

If your legacy is to continue into the future it will not necessarily be your work so much as your memory in the minds of your relatives and friends. Your enemies will pass away and your written word will sit on a shelf but you will live on in the minds of those who knew you and those who can call you uncle, great Uncle, or even great great uncle. Please take a moment to consider that you are a great man who has done great things in your life which will mean nothing if somebody doesn't remember who you are. Consider taking 1 minute for each year you have spent researching the Kennedy and King assassination to sit down an pen a letter to your living relatives and mending any torn fences before you

pass on to greater rewards. Consider going through your Rolodex of contacts and sending a form letter to them stating how much you got from your interaction with them (good or bad).

Your in the stage of life where issues are resolved, memories are preserved, and legacies are forged. Take advantage of this opportunity. It doesn't come around a second time.

If you are a religious man, now is the time to commune with your God. Introspection can be quite a healthy experience. Renew your spirituality or assist others in doing the same. Seek closure and trim the distractions in your life so that new growth can still be realized. You may be approaching 86 years old but there is still room for growth as a person. Take advantage of you remaining time before the last sands of time control your activities. I is said to be quite liberating to seek closure. While I wish to see you well in to the next century, I do not wish to see you an embittered old centenarian carrying the burden of past insults, missed opportunities, and bitter betrayals to your grave.

I hope the above didn't seem to personal. I am just concerned that you have never had somebody ask you to stop for a moment and assess you life from where you stand/sit today. That is, to ask you to evaluate where you have been and ask if that is where you still want to be headed. Call me arrogant or anything you want, but I care for the both of you (you and Lil') and will continue to look out for you welfare. I will always be as close as the telephone or, if need be, an airplane ride.

Please stay healthy of mind and body until there is no need to be concerned about either.

Best wishes,

Clay O.